

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): A mold shaped article comprising a de-molded, mold shaped foamed metal body, wherein the mold shaped foamed metal body is from metal powder, having at least one non-foamable functional structural element integrally bonded and fixedly embedded in the foamed body.

Claim 12 (previously presented): An article according to claim 11, wherein the foamed metal body is sandwiched between two forms.

Claim 13 (previously presented): An article according to claim 12, wherein the forms are made of metal.

Claim 14 (previously presented): An article according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the two forms is curved.

Claim 15 (previously presented): An article according to claim 13, wherein at least one of the two forms is curved.

Claim 16 (previously presented): An article according to claim 11, wherein a form is bonded to at least one outside surface of the foamed metal body.

Claim 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (previously presented): A mold shaped article comprising a de-molded, mold shaped foamed metal body, wherein the mold shaped foamed metal body is from metal powder, having at least one non-foamable functional structural element form fitted and fixedly embedded in the foamed body.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A mold shaped article according to claim 11 wherein the at least non-foamable functional structure element is at least partially encapsulated in the foamed body.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A mold shaped article according to claim 11 wherein the at least non-foamable functional structure element is completely encapsulated in the foamed body.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A mold shaped article according to claim 11, prepared by foaming the metal powder with a foaming agent.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A mold shaped article according to claim 18, prepared by foaming the metal powder with a foaming agent.

Claim 23 (new): A mold shaped article comprising a de-molded, mold shaped foamed metal body, wherein the mold shaped foamed metal body is made from a metal in the form of metal powder and is characterized by a homogeneous pore distribution and a density of greater than about 95% of the metal; and at least one non-foamable functional structural element integrally bonded and fixedly embedded in the foamed body.

Claim 24 (new): A mold shaped article comprising a mold shaped foamed metal body having at least one non-foamable functional structural element integrally bonded and fixedly embedded in the foamed body, said article being produced by a process comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a mold;
- (b) placing in the mold a mixture comprising (1) metal powder and a foaming agent and (2) functional structural element;
- (c) heating the mold to a temperature sufficient to form the foamed metal body; and
- (d) demolding the mold shaped article.